बिहार में भू-स्वामियों को अदा किया गया मआवजा

1663. **श्री आस मोहम्मद :** क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बिहार में उस भूमि के मालिकों को, जहां पर खनिजों के भंडार मिले हैं कोई मुआवजा देती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान जिस भूमि में खनिजों के भंडार मिले हैं उस भूमि के मालिकों से प्राप्त की गई अनुमति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) से (ग) खनिज रियायत नियम, 1960 के अनुसार यह अपेक्षित है कि जो भूमि प्रार्थी की नहीं है उस पर पूर्वेक्षण लाइसेंस या खनन पट्टे के लिए आवेदन करने से पूर्व उस भूमि के भू-स्वामी की सहमति प्राप्त कर ली जाए । इस प्रकार की सहमति आपस में मान्य शर्तों अथवा नियम 72 के प्रावधानों में निर्धारित क्षतिपूर्ति के आधार पर भू-स्वामियों द्वारा दी जा सकती है । जिन शर्तों पर ऐसी सहमति दी जाती है उन्हें भू-स्वामी और संबंधित आवेदक द्वारा आपस में तय किया जाता है और ऐसे प्रत्येक मामले में तय किए गए शर्तों के ब्यौरे सरकार को नहीं भेजे जाते ।

खानों का निजीकरण

1664. **श्री अजीप जोगी :**
श्री राम गोपाल यादव:

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने घाटे में चल रही खानों को बन्द करने और उनके निजीकरण को प्रोत्साहन देने का निर्णय लिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी, नहीं । देश में खनन कार्य निजी तथा सरकारी दोनों ही क्षेत्रों में हो रहा है। किसी खान विशेष पर काम करने अथवा उसे समाप्त करने के बारे में एक वाणिज्यिक निर्णय संबंधित पट्टाधारी द्वारा लिया जाता है न कि सरकार द्वारा।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Joint venture in mining

1665. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Advisory Committee to help and guide foreign investors for setting up joint ventures in mining in India and also to provide them the requisite technical and policy support;

(b) whether Government received good response from potential foreign investors particularly after the International Round Table Conference on Foreign Investment in Exploration and Mining held in April, 1994;

(c) if so, what are the areas in which the foreign investors seem interested in exploration and exploitaion; and

(d) what was the total value of mineral production covering metalliferous and industrial minerals but excluding fuel and atomic minerals, during the first four months of the current year as compared to the corresponding last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) An Advisory committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines has been set up to assist public sector undertakings and subordinate offices under the Ministry of Mines who have to deal with foreign investors to ensure better co-ordination and common approach on policy issues pertaining to proposals received from foreign investors for collaborative and joint venture agreements.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Gold, Diamonds, Iron ore and base metals.

(d) The estimated value of mineral production excluding fuel and atomic minerals was Rs. 909 crores from April to July 1994 as against the actual value of production of Rs. 868 crores during the same period in 1993.

Setting up joint venture for gold resources

1666. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Naugini Mining Limited of Australia for setting up a joint venture to identify prospective gold resources;

(b) if so, the salient features of the joint venture and the equity to be held by the Australian Company and the Hindustan Zinc Limited;

(c) which are the areas identified by Hindustan Zinc Limited of gold occurences particularly in Karnataka and the estimated gold reserves there; and

(d) when is the Australian Company likely to start exploration and mining of gold in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between M/s. Niugini Mining Ltd. (NML) and Hindustan Zinc Limited, signed on 18-7-94, NML will evaluate the data provided by HZL on few identified gold prospects explored by GSI/MECL and prepare an initial project report to identify prospects for feasibility studies and subsequent development. The cost of evaluation will be borne by the Australian Company.

In case an economic opportunity is identified, both Companies will form a joint venture Company with Niugini Mining Ltd. holding 60 per cent and Hindustan Zinc Ltd. holding 40 per cent equity to conduct detailed feasibility study and subsequent mine development. The final investment would depend on the type and size of the deposit identified. The MOU will expire if a successful opportunity is not identified within a period of two years, unless otherwise agreed mutually.

(c) Two deposits in Karnataka identified by HZL for initial evaluation. The details are as under:—

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Prospects	Reserves (MT)	Grade (Gold)
Ajjanahalli	2.7	2.00 G/T
Kempinkote	3.5	1.22 G/T

(d) M/s. Niugini Mining Ltd.'s consulting geologist have been visiting HZL to examine the available data. If the preliminary report identifies economic targets, a detailed feasibility report will be prepared which will be the basis for decision, on when the Australian Company should start mining of good in Karnataka.

Mineral deposits in Rajasthan and Orissa

1667. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey so far